

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 3-412 and 3-414 and adding Sections
6 3-405.3, 3-405.4, and 3-814.4 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-405.3 new)

8 Sec. 3-405.3. Application for fleet vehicles.

9 (a) An owner engaged in operating a fleet of motor
10 vehicles of the first division in this State or a fleet of
11 second division vehicles operated intrastate may register and
12 license the fleet for operations in this State by filing an
13 application statement with the Secretary of State, signed
14 under penalties of perjury, which shall be in the form and
15 contain the information required by the Secretary of State.
16 First division vehicles registered under this Section must be
17 registered in accordance with the fees prescribed in Section
18 3-806 of this Code. Second division vehicles registered under
19 this Section must be registered in accordance with the fees
20 prescribed in Section 3-815 of this Code.

21 (b) Participation in the fleet registration plan may be
22 accomplished only by entering into a contractual agreement
23 with the Secretary. The applicant must have electronic data
24 interchange capabilities. The Secretary shall in his or her
25 discretion determine other qualifications for fleet owners to
26 register under this paragraph. In making the determination,
27 the Secretary shall consider the size of the fleet and the
28 past history of the registrant.

29 (625 ILCS 5/3-405.4 new)

30 Sec 3-405.4. Audits. In addition to audit authority set

1 forth in Section 2-124 of this Code, the Secretary of State
2 may audit the registration plates and the inventory of
3 credentials of any fleet owner participating in the fleet
4 registration plan.

5 (625 ILCS 5/3-412) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-412)

6 Sec. 3-412. Registration plates and registration
7 stickers to be furnished by the Secretary of State.

8 (a) The Secretary of State upon registering a vehicle
9 subject to annual registration for the first time shall
10 issue or shall cause to be issued to the owner one
11 registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer,
12 motorized pedalcycle or truck-tractor, 2 registration plates
13 for other motor vehicles and, where applicable, current
14 registration stickers for motor vehicles of the first
15 division. The provisions of this Section may be made
16 applicable to such vehicles of the second division, as the
17 Secretary of State may, from time to time, in his discretion
18 designate. On subsequent annual registrations during the term
19 of the registration plate as provided in Section 3-414.1, the
20 Secretary shall issue or cause to be issued registration
21 stickers as evidence of current registration. However, the
22 issuance of annual registration stickers to vehicles
23 registered under the provisions of Sections ~~Section~~ 3-402.1
24 and 3-405.3 of this Code may not be required if the Secretary
25 deems the issuance unnecessary.

26 (b) Every registration plate shall have displayed upon
27 it the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which
28 it is issued, the name of this State, which may be
29 abbreviated, the year number for which it was issued, which
30 may be abbreviated, the phrase "Land of Lincoln", ~~(~~ (except as
31 otherwise provided in this Code) ~~Sections--3-626, 3-629,~~
32 ~~3-633, 3-634, 3-637, 3-638, and 3-642,~~ and such other letters
33 or numbers as the Secretary may prescribe. However, for

1 apportionment plates issued to vehicles registered under
2 Section 3-402.1 and fleet plates issued to vehicles
3 registered under Section 3-405.3, the phrase "Land of
4 Lincoln" may be omitted to allow for the word "apportioned",
5 the word "fleet", or other similar language to be displayed.
6 Registration plates issued to a vehicle registered as a fleet
7 vehicle may display a designation determined by the
8 Secretary.

9 The Secretary may in his discretion prescribe that
10 letters be used as prefixes only on registration plates
11 issued to vehicles of the first division which are registered
12 under this Code and only as suffixes on registration plates
13 issued to other vehicles. Every registration sticker issued
14 as evidence of current registration shall designate the year
15 number for which it is issued and such other letters or
16 numbers as the Secretary may prescribe and shall be of a
17 contrasting color with the registration plates and
18 registration stickers of the previous year.

19 (c) Each registration plate and the required letters and
20 numerals thereon, except the year number for which issued,
21 shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a
22 distance of 100 feet during daylight, and shall be coated
23 with reflectorizing material. The dimensions of the plate
24 issued to vehicles of the first division shall be 6 by 12
25 inches.

26 (d) The Secretary of State shall issue for every
27 passenger motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type
28 of registration plates as the type of plates issued for a
29 private passenger vehicle.

30 (e) The Secretary of State shall issue for every
31 passenger car used as a taxicab or livery, distinctive
32 registration plates.

33 (f) The Secretary of State shall issue for every
34 motorcycle distinctive registration plates distinguishing

1 between motorcycles having 150 or more cubic centimeters
2 piston displacement, or having less than 150 cubic centimeter
3 piston displacement.

4 (g) Registration plates issued to vehicles for-hire may
5 display a designation as determined by the Secretary that
6 such vehicles are for-hire.

7 (h) The Secretary of State shall issue for each electric
8 vehicle distinctive registration plates which shall
9 distinguish between electric vehicles having a maximum
10 operating speed of 45 miles per hour or more and those having
11 a maximum operating speed of less than 45 miles per hour.

12 (i) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public
13 and private ambulance registration plates identifying the
14 vehicle as an ambulance. The Secretary shall forward to the
15 Department of Public Aid registration information for the
16 purpose of verification of claims filed with the Department
17 by ambulance owners for payment for services to public
18 assistance recipients.

19 (j) The Secretary of State shall issue for every public
20 and private medical carrier or rescue vehicle livery
21 registration plates displaying numbers within ranges of
22 numbers reserved respectively for medical carriers and rescue
23 vehicles. The Secretary shall forward to the Department of
24 Public Aid registration information for the purpose of
25 verification of claims filed with the Department by owners of
26 medical carriers or rescue vehicles for payment for services
27 to public assistance recipients.

28 (Source: P.A. 89-424, eff. 6-1-96; 89-564, eff. 7-1-97;
29 89-612, eff. 8-9-96; 89-621, eff. 1-1-97; 89-639, eff.
30 1-1-97; 90-14, eff. 7-1-97; 90-533, eff. 11-14-97; 90-655,
31 eff. 7-30-98; revised 12-06-01.)

32 (625 ILCS 5/3-414) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-414)

33 Sec. 3-414. Expiration of registration.

1 (a) Every vehicle registration under this Chapter and
2 every registration card and registration plate or
3 registration sticker issued hereunder to a vehicle shall be
4 for the periods specified in this Chapter and shall expire at
5 midnight on the day and date specified in this Section as
6 follows:

7 1. When registered on a calendar year basis
8 commencing January 1, expiration shall be on the 31st day
9 of December or at such other date as may be selected in
10 the discretion of the Secretary of State; however,
11 registrations of apportionable vehicles, motorcycles,
12 motor driven cycles and pedalcycles shall commence on the
13 first day of April and shall expire March 31st of the
14 following calendar year;

15 2. When registered on a 2 calendar year basis
16 commencing January 1 of an even-numbered year, expiration
17 shall be on the 31st day of December of the ensuing
18 odd-numbered year, or at such other later date as may be
19 selected in the discretion of the Secretary of State not
20 beyond March 1 next;

21 3. When registered on a fiscal year basis
22 commencing July 1, expiration shall be on the 30th day of
23 June or at such other later date as may be selected in
24 the discretion of the Secretary of State not beyond
25 September 1 next;

26 4. When registered on a 2 fiscal year basis
27 commencing July 1 of an even-numbered year, expiration
28 shall be on the 30th day of June of the ensuing
29 even-numbered year, or at such other later date as may be
30 selected in the discretion of the Secretary of State not
31 beyond September 1 next;

32 5. When registered on a 4 fiscal year basis
33 commencing July 1 of an even-numbered year, expiration
34 shall be on the 30th day of June of the second ensuing

1 even-numbered year, or at such other later date as may be
2 selected in the discretion of the Secretary of State not
3 beyond September 1 next;

4 (b) Vehicle registrations of vehicles of the first
5 division shall be for a calendar year or 2 calendar year
6 basis as provided for in this Chapter.

7 Vehicle registrations of vehicles under Sections 3-807,
8 3-808 and 3-809 shall be on an indefinite term basis or a 2
9 calendar year basis as provided for in this Chapter.

10 Vehicle registrations for vehicles of the second division
11 shall be for a fiscal year, 2 fiscal year or calendar year
12 basis as provided for in this Chapter.

13 Motor vehicles registered under the provisions of
14 Sections ~~Section~~ 3-402.1 and 3-405.3 shall be issued
15 multi-year registration plates with a new registration card
16 issued annually upon payment of the appropriate fees.
17 Apportionable trailers and apportionable semitrailers
18 registered under the provisions of Section 3-402.1 shall be
19 issued multi-year registration plates and cards that will be
20 subject to revocation for failure to pay annual fees required
21 by Section 3-814.1. The Secretary shall determine when these
22 vehicles shall be issued new registration plates.

23 (c) Every vehicle registration specified in Section
24 3-810 and every registration card and registration plate or
25 registration sticker issued thereunder shall expire on the
26 31st day of December of each year or at such other date as
27 may be selected in the discretion of the Secretary of State.

28 (d) Every vehicle registration for a vehicle of the
29 second division weighing over 8,000 pounds, except as
30 provided in paragraph (g) of this Section, and every
31 registration card and registration plate or registration
32 sticker, where applicable, issued hereunder to such vehicles
33 shall be issued for a fiscal year commencing on July 1st of
34 each registration year. However, the Secretary of State may,

1 pursuant to an agreement or arrangement or declaration
2 providing for apportionment of a fleet of vehicles with other
3 jurisdictions, provide for registration of such vehicles
4 under apportionment or for all of the vehicles registered in
5 Illinois by an applicant who registers some of his vehicles
6 under apportionment on a calendar year basis instead, and the
7 fees or taxes to be paid on a calendar year basis shall be
8 identical to those specified in this Act for a fiscal year
9 registration. Provision for installment payment may also be
10 made.

11 (e) Semitrailer registrations under apportionment may be
12 on a calendar year under a reciprocal agreement or
13 arrangement and all other semitrailer registrations shall be
14 on fiscal year or 2 fiscal year or 4 fiscal year basis as
15 provided for in this Chapter.

16 (f) The Secretary of State may convert annual
17 registration plates or 2-year registration plates, whether
18 registered on a calendar year or fiscal year basis, to
19 multi-year plates. The determination of which plate
20 categories and when to convert to multi-year plates is solely
21 within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

22 (g) After January 1, 1975, each registration,
23 registration card and registration plate or registration
24 sticker, where applicable, issued for a recreational vehicle
25 or recreational or camping trailer, except a house trailer,
26 used exclusively by the owner for recreational purposes, and
27 not used commercially nor as a truck or bus, nor for hire,
28 shall be on a calendar year basis; except that the Secretary
29 of State shall provide for registration and the issuance of
30 registration cards and plates or registration stickers, where
31 applicable, for one 6-month period in order to accomplish an
32 orderly transition from a fiscal year to a calendar year
33 basis. Fees and taxes due under this Act for a registration
34 year shall be appropriately reduced for such 6-month

1 transitional registration period.

2 (h) The Secretary of State may, in order to accomplish
3 an orderly transition for vehicles registered under Section
4 3-402.1 of this Code from a calendar year registration to a
5 March 31st expiration, require applicants to pay fees and
6 taxes due under this Code on a 15 month registration basis.
7 However, if in the discretion of the Secretary of State this
8 creates an undue hardship on any applicant the Secretary may
9 allow the applicant to pay 3 month fees and taxes at the time
10 of registration and the additional 12 month fees and taxes to
11 be payable no later than March 31 of the year after this
12 amendatory Act of 1991 takes effect.

13 (i) The Secretary of State may stagger registrations, of
14 vehicles for which multi-year plates are issued pursuant to
15 Section 3-414.1, as necessary for the convenience of the
16 public and the efficiency of his Office. In order to
17 appropriately and effectively accomplish any such staggering,
18 the Secretary of State is authorized to prorate required
19 registration fees, but in no event for a period longer than
20 15 months, at a monthly rate for a 12 month registration fee.
21 (Source: P.A. 89-245, eff. 1-1-96.)

22 (625 ILCS 5/3-814.4 new)

23 Sec. 3-814.4 Registration of fleet vehicles. The
24 Secretary may issue fleet vehicle registration plates to
25 owners of vehicle fleets registered in accordance with
26 Section 3-405.3 of this Code in bulk before plates are
27 assigned to specific vehicles. A registration plate may not
28 be displayed on a vehicle, however, until the plate has been
29 activated on the Secretary's registration file and the
30 proper fee has been forwarded to the Secretary.

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July
32 1, 2003.